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on the ground that about 6,000 bags of boiled rice drawn from the Regional Director (Food) earlier had been locked up with it since January 1961 for want of demand due to alleged bad quality. The T.U.C.S. was also not willing to draw supplies of even raw rice for distribution through the Fair Price Shops until it was able to dispose of the boiled rice lying with it. Probably, some inconvenience was caused to the public drawing supplies from the Fair Price Shops of the T.U.C.S. Now that the Regional Director (Food) has revived the supply of rice and that the T.U.C.S. Limited has also disposed of the stocks of boiled rice lying with it, there can be no difficulty for the general public to draw their supplies of rice from Fair Price Shops.

VI.—GOVERNMENT MOTION *RE*: TRANSACTION OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON NON-OFFICIAL DAY.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move—

"That Rule 23 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact official business on Thursday, the 30th March 1961."

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

"That Rule 23 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact official business on Thursday, the 30th March 1961."

The motion was put and carried.

VII.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES BILL, 1961 (L.A BILL NO. 22 OF 1961).

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move—

"That the Madras Co-operative Societies Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1961),[a] be referred to a Select Committee of the House consisting of the following 20 Members of the Legislative Assembly :—

1. The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.
2. The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam.
3. Sri C. R. Ramaswami.
4. Sri P. G. Karuthiruman.
5. Sri G. Narayanaswami Naidu.
6. Dr. (Srimathi) T. S. Soundaram Ramachandran.
7. Sri A. P. C. Veerabahu.
8. Sri R. Krishnasami Naidu.
9. Sri K. S. Subramania Gounder.
10. Sri A. Mariappan.

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